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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 250

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEUR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Eligible institution" means (A) a public institution of higher  
5 education within the state system of public higher education, as that  
6 term is described in section 10a-1 of the general statutes, or (B) an  
7 independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-  
8 173 of the general statutes;

9 (2) "Resident specialist" means any candidate for the program  
10 described in subsection (b) of this section who (A) is employed in a  
11 specialty occupation on a part-time basis by a private employer, (B) is  
12 not a citizen of the United States, and (C) desires to move to or remain

13 in the state in nonimmigrant status while employed by such private  
14 employer; and

15 (3) "Specialty occupation" has the same meaning as provided in 8  
16 USC 1184(i), as amended from time to time.

17 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Department of Economic and  
18 Community Development shall submit recommendations, in  
19 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
20 for the design and establishment of a three-year pilot program, which  
21 shall be known as the Global Entrepreneur in Residence Program, to the  
22 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
23 matters relating to commerce. The program shall be designed for the  
24 purpose of retaining or attracting resident specialists in or to the state  
25 and may:

26 (1) Facilitate or support partnerships between eligible institutions  
27 and private employers that employ resident specialists for such  
28 purpose;

29 (2) Assist resident specialists in filing visa applications; and

30 (3) Allow for the acceptance of donated funds in support of the  
31 program's purposes.

32 (c) In submitting recommendations pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
33 section, the Department of Economic and Community Development:

34 (1) Shall consult with The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut  
35 State Colleges and Universities, the Office of Workforce Strategy and the  
36 office of the Governor; and

37 (2) May consult with other eligible institutions, nonprofit  
38 organizations and for-profit businesses, and include, but need not be  
39 limited to, other programmatic recommendations to further the  
40 program's purposes.

41 (d) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Department of Economic and

42 Community Development, The University of Connecticut and the  
43 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall jointly conduct a  
44 survey of noncitizen students at The University of Connecticut and the  
45 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, to assess potential interest  
46 in the Global Entrepreneur in Residence Program. Such survey may be  
47 conducted in collaboration with other eligible institutions and any other  
48 parties."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Section 1   | <i>from passage</i> | New section |